

60 MINUTES W/ THE SAVAGES

Morley Safer
watches
out for
the little guy
through the
windshield of
his Ferarri

adjusting his bow tie
Al Gore says,
"We are doing what
we can to see that
campaign contributions
do not affect the
political process."
and walks away from
the camera
to take his place
at a \$100,000 a plate
table
across from him
Warren Beaty flashes
a wanting smile and
says, "Yes, the
brussel sprouts
are worth 20 grand."

I am not cynical
I am skeptical

a bum asks me,
"Can I clean your
front window? For
a donation?"
Yes
he uses a crumpled
SF Chronicle for a rag
reminds me of how my
old grandfather said
they used the Sears
catalogue on the farm
for toilet paper
the bum finishes my
window and I give him
50 cents
he frowns and says

"Can you make it a dollar?"

and I tell him, "No
I can't."
and he glares at me
with hate on his lips
& disgust in his eyes
in the place of something
I was expecting

I was only trying to
help him out
but the next time I'll
kick his ass

I am not cynical
I am skeptical

At work in the bookstore
a Rastafarian by looks
brings a book to the
counter and asks, "How
much is this? 50 cents?"
he looks at me through
dark glasses
I check the price and
see it was two dollars
but it has been erased

I say, "I don't know
the price, it's been
erased. It was two dollars,
No book in this store is
50 cents."

"Are you saying I erased
it?" the Rastafarian says
his woman says, "He doesn't
even have an eraser on him!"
I say, "No. I am not saying
you erased it. I am saying
I don't know the price. You
can have it for a buck."
he buys it and leaves mad

I am not cynical
I am skeptical
there is a difference
that's why I keep going